# **Dammeron Valley Fire SSD**

## **Draft Minutes of Public Meeting Held September 1, 2015**

Meeting Place: Dammeron Valley Fire Station

1261 North Dammeron Valley Dr. E, Dammeron Valley, Utah 84783

ACB Members Present: Chairman Gary Jensen

Vice-Chairman Mac Thomson

Treasurer Craig Meyocks

Clerk Steve Jennings

ACB Member at Large Mack Sorensen- Absent

Management Company not represented

Meeting called to order by Gary Jensen at approximately 7:00 PM

### 1. Acceptance of Agenda

Craig Meyocks made a motion to approve the agenda, "I make a motion to approve the September 1, 2015 Agenda", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Mac Thomson gave spelling corrections and additions to be made to the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and the. Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to approve draft minutes with corrections Meeting Minutes with corrections, Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Burn Pile Motion- Mac Thomson

Mac Thomson made a motion, "I make a motion that the SSD take a vote to support maintaining the burn pile and burning twice a year". Discussion on the motion, Steve Jennings asks to clarify how the SSD would be responsible to maintain the burn pile. It appears to be a separate issue. He sees it as the Land Owners issue. Gary Jensen's clarifies that the motion is to have the SSD maintain and support the burn pile. Craig Meyocks stated that the SSD is willing to burn twice a year with the

support. Chief reported on the support to maintain twice a year. A site was determined from the previous Fire Chief. Craig Meyocks stated to table the motion and a discussion to be made to determine where the burn pile will be and discuss with the DVLA. Chief reported it would be good for training. Mac Thomson finds it difficult to get a positive response from the DVLA. Mac Thomson makes a motion, "I make a motion to have the SSD support the burn pile on the behalf of the DVLA and maintain the pile", motion died from lack of a second. Steve Jennings made a motion, "I motion that should the DVLA make a site for the burn pile that the SSD will provide services for burning twice a year", Craig Meyock seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Business

#### **DVFSSD MONTHLY BILLS**

Steve Jennings, Clerk: gave financial report.

Total Expenses as of August- (Note these are not true numbers due to the Bank Statement not being reconciled due to the meeting falling so close to the first of the month.)

#### 4. Bank Balance

Bank Balance:

Steve Jennings advised the remaining checking bank balance as of 8/31/2015, \$36,171.36. Total Income as of July \$432.83, year to date \$85,708.41. Total expenses as of August \$8,046.58, year to date \$58,624.74.

#### Invoices to be approved:

JM Maintenance (Park) - \$600.00, Reimbursement to Craig Meyocks \$80.21, and Reimbursement to Allison Stingley \$199.44.

Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to pay the bills and reimbursements", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Appreciation BBQ for Volunteers

Gary Jensen stated they had a successful meet with the Volunteers. The BBQ was scheduled for September 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Craig Meyock made a motion, "I make a motion to have Allison Stingley for the cleaning the restroom's", Steve Jennings seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Craig Meyocks

made a motion, "I make a motion to pay Allison Stingley \$75.00 a month", Steve Jennings seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

### 6. Request for Pledge of Allegiance at Meetings

An Owner requested for the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting. Gary Jensen stated that since the SSD is a Government Entity that this should be done at the begging of every meeting. Steve Jennings made a motion, "I make a motion to do the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting", Craig Meyocks asked if this was done at other Board meetings? Mac Thomson stated that he has seen the pledges made at Scout meetings but then he sees at other meetings standing being proud and turn around and self-service of treating people other ways, he feels it is not necessary. Gary Jensen stated it's a public demonstration of patriotism and important but it caused concerns being required to do this and causes him grief, the motion died due to lack of a second. Craig Meyocks asked to table the discussion.

#### 7. Budget Development for 2015-2016

The budget doesn't have a capital contribution fund; some items were able to come out of the budget without a capital contribution. Twenty Five (25) percent of the budget can be carried over to the next year's operating fund anything excess has to go to Capital Improvement fund. There have not been any excess funds in the last two years. The budget needs to be set by the next meeting, posted 10 days prior to November meeting and approve by December. Budgeted \$20,000.00 for grant funds and received zero to date. Applied for a \$5,000.00 grant, but have not heard as of now if we will receive the grant. Looking at the budget now some of the line items are over for the year and will need to be adjusted in the 2016 budget. Steve Jennings stated a line item must be added for Capital Contribution for the expenses to come. Steve Jennings stated it would be best to have CAM propose a budget for 2016. Craig Meyocks mentioned that only two members of the Board can meet with CAM to discuss the budget. There are items that need to be upgraded and Craig met with the DVLA to go over those items to be budgeted. Fire Chief stated that per the State of Utah, SSD have to put in grant money in their budget so if they get collected you don't have to redo the budget. Gary Jensen asked Steve Jennings if it looks like there will be any money left over this year, Steve Jennings stated that if he were to guess that it appears so. December 15<sup>th</sup> the SSD should anticipate that the funds will be collected with the delinquent accounts when taxes are filed. Steve Jennings and Gary Jensen will go to CAM to put together the proposed 2016 budget.

#### 8. Cache Valley Bank Account starting in 2016

#### a. Checking Account

### **b.** Savings Account (Reserves)

Craig Meyocks reported that there has been trouble with US Bank, they are not user friendly, it has been difficult to use for statements, checks, and the fees have been substantial. CAM uses Cache Valley Bank and recommends doing the switch. Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to use Cache Valley", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 9. New Fire Chief

Craig Meyocks reported that in the Captains Meeting they have asked to move slowly in replacing the Fire Chief. Kevin Dye has agreed to be the new Fire Chief. Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to have Kevin Dye be the Fire Chief for Dammeron Valley", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. The Board thanked Kevin and also the Captains.

#### a. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Kevin Dye, reported they have responded to several lightning fires on wild land trees. Medical calls have been slow. The turnout for the training has been great. He recognized the Board for all their support. The fire house has extras shingles for the roof, they were found last week. Discussion on grants and the continue work to getting them. Upcoming training in January will take place in St. George, training expense around \$400.00 to \$500.00. The Training in Moab will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10. Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to approve the upcoming training in October in Moab with not to exceed \$1,000.00", Mac Thomson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Craig Meyocks asked if there will be certifications, Chief reported there will be certifications.

#### **Closed Session Minutes Review**

Review of minutes has been made with corrections. Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion to approve the closed session minutes with corrections", Steve Jennings seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Report from Craig Meyocks on the Community Fire Risk Management Program he reviewed and Joyce Goffin stated she is happy to upgrade the report. Hasn't been updated since 2011, it would

be best to update yearly. By next month he would like to see a three (3) member committee in place.

### 10. Request for Closed Session

None at this time

#### 11. Statement by Chair

No report

### 12. Chair opens Discussion for Public Comments

AB Johnson reported that he fills the dues should be needed to protect the fire fighters. Penny Thomson stated about the pledge of allegiance and it would be good to be done maybe at the Annual meeting but not every meeting. Craig Meyocks stated that in the Captain meetings as why do we need two boards with the SSD and the DVLA. There is 10 members serving between the two boards and he would like to see that the DVLA be absorbed by the SSD and operate under one Board and be approached at the Annual Meeting. Penny Thomson asked if the running's' would be done every two years, Craig Meyocks stated that a four year term would be best. He would like to see a four year term for alternation purposes on the DVLA with a five member Board. This will have further discussion from the members of the community. Kevin Dye reported about the paging systems and using the funds for them to being updated, fifteen (15) are needed. Discussion tabled till bids are given.

### 13. Adjournment

Craig Meyocks made a motion, "I make a motion we adjourn", Steve Jennings seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Meeting Adjourned**